

**Hurricane Harvey Response 2017**  
**Community Liaison (CL) Report**

**TO:** Jannetta Coats

**FROM:** Paula Flores-Gregg, Pamela Houston and LaTonya Sanders

**SUBJECT:** Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

**COUNTY:** Jefferson

**DATE:** 9/13/2017

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**Due:** Daily 4:00 pm

**SUMMARY:**

- Participated in the morning command briefing.
- Called into the 8am Mandatory Team Meeting.
- Participated in the 10am daily conference call.
- Met with the Emergency Manager of Jefferson County, Greg Fountain
  - Proposed emergency housing at an abandoned juvenile detention center. One agency declined the offer.
  - The county does not have housing services available.
  - 39 counties were affected by Harvey.
  - SE Texas Alert Network (Mass Notification Calls).
  - SETINFO.Org (refer residents to this website for information)
  - Refer residents to the Jefferson County Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/w/138461756178182>)
  - In need of 500-1000 Water Testing Kits.
  - Recommended reaching out to NW Forrest 248 residents. (unincorporated)
  - Recommended reaching out to Bevil Oaks, 500 residents. (unincorporated)
  - Recommended reaching out to Dr. Walkes the Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Dept.
  - Concerns with debris pick up.
  - Requested links to our approved fact sheets to post on their page.
  - EWaste is being addressed.
- Met with Jonnie Roberts with the Jefferson County Public Health Department in Beaumont.

- Would like to notify others in her office and schedule a time for us to come back. Including Dr. Walkes who is the director.
- Met with Sherry Ulmer, Public Health Director and Kenneth Coleman, Assistant Public Health Director of the Beaumont City Health Department.
  - Mr. Coleman downloaded the fact sheets from our thumb drive to his computer to share widely.
  - Recommended we reach out to their other clinics.
  - Recommended we reach out to Lesly Johnson with the Legacy Community Health Clinic.
  - Recommended we reach out to Deana Hughes with the Triangle Area Network.
  - Recommended we reach out to Lois Roy with UT Physicians.
  - Recommended we reach out to Audwin Smauel a Councilman.
  - Recommended we reach out to Christina Vargas with Clinica San Lucas.
  - Recommended we reach out to San Juanita with the Clinica San Daniel.
  - Recommended we reach out to Rebekah Seymour a Faith Based Nurse with Baptist hospital.
  - Recommended we reach out to the Cathedral of Faith Church.
  - Follow protocol and notify Tim Ocnaschek the Emergency Operations Center with the City of Beaumont.
- Met with Ike Mills with the Greater Minority Chambers of Commerce of Port Arthur.
  - Indoor environment for citizens. Not enough supplies to clean. Cleaning without proper gear are concerns.
  - Surface Water quality is a concern.
  - Provided link to the community: Black Ministers Alliance NAACP President, The largest Church in Beaumont 10K members Enoch, African American owned radio station.
  - Cleanup efforts should lead to community jobs.
  - It is apparent that Communication and Collaboration is not actively happening in the area.

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- In response to the concerns raised in previous reports regarding housing, the county is providing two berthing barges that can hold 300 people on each in port of Port Arthur.
- It was reported that Rose City needs desperate help as residents being to come in.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

- 500-1000 Water kits were requested by Greg Fountain with the Emergency Manager for Jefferson County.